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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/197,767
Filing Date	November 23, 1998
First Named Inventor	Hisashi OHTANI et al.
Group Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	P. Cao
Attorney Docket Number	0756-1896

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000); 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other.

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) **required**)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$860.00 _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Eric J. Robinson	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,285
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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

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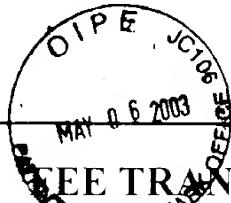
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METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to

Deposit Account Number: 50-2280

Deposit Account Name: Robinson Intellectual Property Law Office

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 and credit overpayments

Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

 2. Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	201	375 Utility filing fee	
106	306	165 Design filing fee	
107	520	207 260 Plant filing fee	
108	756	208 375 Reissue filing fee	
114	169	214 80 Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below, X	Fee Paid
	20**	X	
Independent Claims	3**	X	

Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above.

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month	\$110.00
116	410	200	205 Extension for reply within second month	
117	930	460	465 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,450	720	725 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,970	228	985 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160 Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230 Design issue fee	
144	620	244	570 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	750	279	375 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$750.00
169	960	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

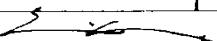
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